

PART I—BUDGET EXPENDITURES FROM CHURCH GENERAL FUNDS 1951

	Budget Funds Spent
1. Administrative Expenses	
Office of the Corporation of the President	
For salaries of employees and living allowances and traveling expenses of the General Authorities; and for equipment and expenses of offices....	\$ 454,106
Office of the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop	
For salaries of employees; for equipment and expenses of offices; for traveling expenses of the Presiding Bishopric, of building supervisors, and of auditors, etc.; and for Aaronic Priesthood supervision....	517,711
Miscellaneous Committees	
For expenses of General Priesthood, General Music, Servicemen's, No-Liquor-Tobacco, and Statistics Committees; and salaries of the Tabernacle choristers and organists.....	85,080
Total administrative expenses, all of which are covered by non-tithing income	\$ 1,056,897
2. Stakes and Wards	
For expenses of 191 stakes and 1,666 wards and independent branches, including the maintenance of buildings; expenses and mileage allowances of stake presidents and bishops; furnishings for stake and ward offices; erection, remodeling and repairing of stake and ward buildings	\$ 8,420,348
3. Missions and Missionary Work	
For maintenance and operation of the established missions of the Church; living and traveling expenses of mission presidents; return fares of missionaries; free literature, radio and publicity expense; erection, remodeling, purchase, maintenance and renting of meeting houses and other buildings; for expenses of bureaus of information and of the Missionary Home in Salt Lake City.....	\$ 3,894,826
4. Temples	
For expenses of the eight temples now in operation and for construction work, repairs and maintenance of temple buildings, outbuildings, and grounds.....	499,042
5. Welfare	
For the purchase of equipment, commodities and containers; for operating expenses of bishops' storehouses, and for the transportation of commodities; for the purchase, construction and remodeling of bishops' storehouses and other general welfare properties; for General Church Welfare Committee administrative expenses; and for the care of the needy—rents, light, fuel, hospitalization, burials, etc.	1,947,653
6. General Buildings and Grounds	
For maintenance of and repairs and improvements to general Church buildings including the Church Administration building, Tabernacle, and Assembly Hall, and grounds, and of buildings situated immediately adjacent to the Temple Block, and \$654,596 allowed to hospitals for new construction and for improvements.....	1,090,561
7. Schools and Educational Activities	
For operating expenses of the Brigham Young University, Ricks College, Juarez Stake Schools, 18 institutes, 135 seminaries and 37 junior semi-	

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naries, the McCune School of Music and Art, the Deseret Gymnasium, and the L.D.S. Business College, including the salaries of administrative officers and teachers; for the erection and repair of buildings; and for purchase of building sites..... \$ 2,627,430

8. *Genealogical Society*

For the maintenance of the genealogical library, archives, temple index bureau, and allied departments; for recording, indexing, photographing and filing genealogical and temple ordinance data, including the names of 515,145 persons forwarded to the temples for ordinances; and for microfilm copies of genealogical records from 7 states and 9 foreign countries equivalent to 57,805 printed volumes of approximately 385 pages per volume..... 773,244

9. *Other Expenses*

For taxes and assessments; insurance; contributions to civic and educational institutions; for maintenance and repair of historic properties and monuments; for expenses of the Papago Indian Project; for restoration of the Church Insurance Fund; and for other purposes..... 269,821

Total (Church General Funds Spent)..... \$ 20,579,822

PART II—EXPENDITURES OTHER THAN FROM CHURCH GENERAL FUNDS 1951

The expenditures budgeted from Church General Funds and paid principally from the tithes are detailed above. The following expenditures were made from further contributions by members of the Church:

For construction and repair of meeting houses and other buildings and for purchases of sites, buildings and furnishings.....	\$ 6,502,423
For Stake, Ward and Mission Maintenance purposes (including auxiliaries recreation expenses)	4,473,942
For assistance to needy from Ward and Mission Fast Offerings	1,447,540
For acquisition of Storehouses and Budget Production Projects (including the operation of these projects).....	1,307,251
For assistance to Missionaries from contributions received by Wards and Stakes	271,108
For operation of the Primary Children's Hospital, of the auxiliary general boards, and of the temples.....	283,056
Total spent from contributions (other than tithes).....	\$14,285,320

Also the following expenditures have been made from income of Church Organizations:

Educational Institutions—from tuitions and dormitory and other service income	\$ 2,520,771
Hospitals—for care of sick in addition to amount paid from tithes and included in Part I.....	21,238
Auxiliaries—from publications, sewing projects, and other business income	1,092,135
Temples—from clothing rentals and other receipts.....	142,207
Deseret Industries, Deseret Clothing Factory, and group canning projects—from operating income.....	554,492
Welfare budget production projects—from operating income.....	1,056,700

Total spent from operating income of Church organizations.... \$ 5,387,543

GRAND TOTAL—cash expenditures of the Church, from general funds, local contributions and other income, for the year 1951..... \$ 40,252,685

PART III—THE CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM—1951

Cash Expenditures for Welfare—(All Included in Figures Given Above)

Expended from stake and mission fast offerings and welfare contributions for the care of the needy—food, clothing, rents, light, heat, hospitalization, burials, etc.....	\$ 2,588,742
Disbursed for the operating cost of Bishops' Storehouses and for the overhead expenses of the General Committee.....	377,296
Disbursed by the Corporations of the President and of the Presiding Bishop for direct assistance to the needy, and contributions to civic and educational institutions	589,746
Charity expenditures by Hospitals for the care of the sick.....	21,238
Total Cash Relief Expenditures	\$ 3,577,022
In addition to the foregoing cash expenditures of Church general funds, Welfare contributions and fast offerings, there were distributed to the needy, welfare commodities to the value of over.....	\$ 1,091,000
This makes a grand total distributed under the Welfare Program in 1951 by the various agencies involved, of.....	\$ 4,668,022

Welfare Report

The General Church Welfare Committee makes the following further report for the year 1951:

Distribution of Commodities from Bishops' Storehouses

Distribution of commodities amounted to 7- $\frac{3}{4}$ million pounds of food and 420,000 items of household supplies, clothing and other articles. This distribution is 9% lower than during 1950.

Assistance Rendered

There have been from 17,913 to 55,460 persons assisted through the Bishops' Storehouse Program each year since 1938. In 1951 there were 35,128 persons so assisted in the United States and Canada. This is a decrease from 1950 of 4,409 persons.

From 1938 to the end of 1951 more than 3,232 families have been helped to become self-supporting and 20,191 families have been assisted in other ways. During this same period the Deseret Industries has provided continuous work for hundreds of handicapped and aged persons. During the year 1951 they had an average of 321 persons working in their plants, 65% of these were handicapped persons. The Deseret Clothing Factory, another branch of the Welfare Plan, has provided continuous employment for from 30 to 60 individuals, many of whom were widows and elderly persons.

Contributed Work and Construction Projects

During the year, 91,600 man days of work and the use of equipment amounting to approximately 4,000 unit days were donated in the production of the budget, 15,300 man days of work were donated in operation of bishops' storehouses, and 8,200 man days of work were donated in the construction of buildings for the operation of the Welfare Plan. In addition to these, 107 construction and remodeling projects were completed by the brethren, 47 of which were for the benefit of less fortunate members.

Placement and Counseling Service

During 1951, 3,693 persons were given occupational counseling, resulting in the solution of their employment problems, and 5,849 other persons were placed in remunerative employment. Reported unemployment has decreased to one-third the figure of a year ago.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

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STATISTICAL REPORT—1951

Number of Stakes of Zion, at end of year.....	191
Number of Wards	1491
Number of Independent Branches.....	175
Total Wards and Independent Branches, at end of year.....	1666
Number of Missions.....	43
Church Membership:	
Stakes	933,792
Missions	213,365
Total Membership (at end of year).....	1,147,157
Church Growth:	
Children blessed in Stakes and Missions.....	39,658
Children baptized in Stakes and Missions.....	23,205
Converts baptized in Stakes and Missions.....	17,175
Social Statistics:	
Birth rate per thousand.....	37.81
Marriage rate per thousand.....	9.01
Death rate per thousand.....	5.93
(These data on births, marriages and deaths are computed from stake reports and do not include the missions)	
Missionaries:	
Number of missionaries in the missions of the Church (including those enroute to or from their fields of labor).....	5,065
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes.....	5,587
Total missionaries—December 31, 1951.....	10,652
Number of missionaries who received training in the Missionary Home in 1951	1,800

President David O. McKay:

Elder Joseph Anderson just read the statistical and financial data relating to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder Harold Bennett will now read the report of the Church Auditing Committee. Brother Harold Bennett:

REPORT OF CHURCH AUDITING COMMITTEE

Elder Harold H. Bennett read the following report:

The following letter was sent to the First Presidency under date of March 31, 1952.

President David O. McKay and

Counselors:

Dear Brethren:

The Church Auditing Committee has

reviewed the annual financial report of the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The accounting system and records were found to be adequate and meticulously maintained. Disbursement of Church funds is controlled through a comprehensive budget system, which properly safeguards expenditures.

The funds are being carefully conserved, expenditures being less than receipts.

The Church is in strong financial position, and free from debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Orval W. Adams

Albert E. Bowen

George S. Spencer

Harold H. Bennett

Church Auditing Committee

President David O. McKay:

In addition to what has already been given, I may add the following items, submitted by Brother George Jarvis, who is very efficient, with his associates, in taking care of the finances of the Church.

Sixteen million, two-hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars have been spent for construction of buildings in 1951. This item, of course, has been included in the various headings given already. But this is interesting, and this total—\$9,375,000 has come from Church

General Funds, and \$6,912,000 from local funds.

You will be interested also to know that there are now 392 buildings under construction.

The listening audience will be pleased to be informed that the Tabernacle is crowded to capacity. We have not received word from the other buildings, but I suppose they also are filled.

In the audience, as you have already heard, are mission presidents from Canada, United States, Mexico and Hawaii.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

IT is truly a joy to meet with you, my brethren and sisters. Another six months have passed since the Church met in general conference. How the time flies! There is an old hymn, now unpublished, which could be sung appropriately:

How swift the months have passed away,
Tis conference again.
And Zion's untold thousands come
To swell the joyful strain.

A seat occupied six months ago is vacant this morning—a voice valiant and vigorous then in defense of the restored gospel is silent today. We miss Dr. Joseph F. Merrill, member of the Council of the Twelve, and make loving reference to his noble character and distinguished service.

And now, my dear fellow workers, it is with mingled feelings of gratitude, satisfaction, and apprehension that I greet members of the Church assembled in this opening session of the 122nd Annual Conference.

GRATITUDE

We are grateful for the blessings of the Lord to his Church in all the world, and for the assurance of his divine guidance and inspiration. With deep gratitude we acknowledge in your presence, his nearness and his goodness; and in that spirit of prayerful appreciation proclaim that our souls respond in

harmony with the spirit of a glorious vision given to the Prophet Joseph Smith: "Hear, O ye heavens, and give ear, O earth, and rejoice ye inhabitants thereof, for the Lord is God, and beside him there is no savior.

"Great is his wisdom, marvelous are his ways, and the extent of his doings none can find out.

"His purposes fail not, neither are there any who can stay his hand.

"From eternity to eternity he is the same, and his years never fail." (D. & C. 76:1-4.)

ENCOURAGEMENT JUSTIFIED

It is a source of real encouragement to contemplate the loyalty and energetic efforts of the priesthood of the Church, including of course the General Authorities, stake and ward officers, presidencies of missions, missionaries, officers, and members of branches throughout the world. I believe I can say in truth that the standard of efficiency in missions and in organized stakes has never been so high. A hasty glance at what quorums and auxiliaries have achieved during the past year will confirm this.

FIRST: QUORUMS OF THE PRIESTHOOD

According to reports that have been received, the Melchizedek Priesthood of the Church (and that includes all worthy adult members) is showing an increase in the number who pay a full